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Rain This Afternoon  
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## D. C. RULERS IN YEAR REPORT ASK CONGRESS FOR NEW LAWS

Regulation of Hucksters to  
Check Food Waste—Better  
Markets, and Milk Supply  
Control Amendment Urged.

Emphasis Placed on Proposals  
in Estimates for Centraliza-  
tion of Power and Yearly  
Real Estate Assessment.

Suggestions for important leg-  
islation were set forth in the re-  
port of the District Commissioners  
for the fiscal year ended June 30,  
sent to Congress today.

Among the important recom-  
mendations on which stress is  
placed in the report are: The  
regulation of hucksters, to whose  
"unorganized" activity is at-  
tributed a serious waste of food  
products; the amendment of the  
loan shark law; better organiza-  
tion of the wholesale market dis-  
trict; an adequate police and fire-  
men's pension fund, and legisla-  
tion for better control of the milk  
supply as set forth in the annual  
report of Dr. Woodward.

### SEEKS WIDER POWER.

The recommendation made in their  
annual estimates that they be vested  
with "all the authority, powers, duties,  
and discretions" now vested in the  
Board of Education and Board of  
Charities, also is brought forward  
prominently in the report. The purpose  
of the proposed change of administra-  
tion, the report states, is to bring about  
a more economical and efficient conduct  
of the business of the local government.  
Centralization of authority is urged  
for the reason that "the Commissioners  
believe that all officers, boards or other  
organizations charged with the perform-  
ance of municipal duties should be sub-  
ject to their direction and control as  
the executive heads of the District gov-  
ernment."

### New Powers Urged.

They recommend that they be given  
authority to appoint the members of  
the Board of Education and the Board  
of Charities, and a director of educa-  
tion and director of charities, who shall  
act under their supervision.  
"In a number of services such as the  
Public Library, the Industrial Home  
School, the Temporary Home for  
Unemployed Soldiers and Sailors, and  
the National Training School for Girls,  
the Commissioners ask that they be clothed  
with the power of making all appoint-  
ments. Recommendation is made also  
that they be given authority to appoint  
the members of Board of Children's  
Guardians, relieving the judges of the  
Police Court and the judges holding the  
Criminal Court of this duty."  
"While some slight progress has been  
made in this direction in the past,"  
(Continued on Sixth Page.)

## BALANCE OF TRADE FOR U. S., \$54,926,495

Exports of \$90,541,451 Shown  
in Commerce Department  
Report of Week.

A trade balance of \$54,926,495 in favor  
of the United States is shown in the  
report for last week issued today by  
the Department of Commerce. Exports  
during the week were worth \$90,541,451,  
as against imports to the value of  
\$35,614,956. The total excess of exports  
over imports since November 6 is \$238,-  
480,121. All these figures are from the  
thirteen principal ports of the country.  
The balance of trade for the entire  
year, handled about 91 per cent of the  
total.

Exported last week amounted  
to \$1,141,116, making a total of  
\$3,885,571 sales shipped out of the United  
States since August 1 of the present  
year.

### J. D. Daly Discharged on Writ of Habeas Corpus

Jefferson D. Daly, who was arrested  
by the Metropolitan police last week  
and held to answer to a charge pre-  
ferred in Pennsylvania, today was dis-  
charged from custody by Justice Gould  
in Circuit Court No. 2, when it was  
shown that Daly was not liable for the  
alleged offense in Pennsylvania proceedings  
and the court authorized his release  
from custody.

Florida, All East & West Coast Points  
reached. 31 steel trains daily via At-  
lantic Coast Line, 1406 N. Y. ave. n.w.—  
Advt.

### Civic Federation Head Who Feted Prison Expert



MRS. ARCHIBALD HOPKINS.

## SING SING'S WARDEN SCORES PENAL LAWS

Thomas Mott Osborne Advo-  
cates Indeterminate Sen-  
tences for All Classes.

Urging that indeterminate sentences be  
made for all classes of prisoners, and  
asserting that the new nickname of  
Sing Sing as a "joy house" was not  
warranted by conditions there, Thomas  
Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing  
prison, today spoke before a notable  
audience under the auspices of the  
National Civic Federation, in the New  
Masonic Temple.  
Miss Anna Morgan, of New York,  
Dr. William W. White, of the Govern-  
ment Hospital for the Insane, and Miss  
Maud Wetmore, national chairman of  
the women's department of the Civic  
Federation, were among those who  
heard the address of Mr. Osborne, who  
later was entertained at lunch at the  
home of Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, chair-  
man of the District branch of the Fed-  
eration.

### No "Criminal Type."

There is no "criminal type," the  
speaker asserted, and criminals, he  
added, are just like other human be-  
ings, and just as capable of being re-  
formed.  
"Mark you," he continued, "I did not  
say normal, for we have George Bern-  
ard Shaw's word for it that there is  
only one normal person in the world,  
himself."  
Mr. Osborne made a spirited denial  
that Sing Sing, any effort was made  
to make it "coddle" or to "pamper"  
prisoners.

"We are not dealing with prisoners in  
a spirit of sentimentality," he said.  
"They do not want coddling and they  
deserve the most of the most in  
penitentiaries. Deserve punishment  
though they may not deserve it on the  
ground of count on which they were  
sent there."

### Not Given Luxuries.

Mr. Osborne said no effort had been  
made to give prisoners at Sing Sing  
luxuries.  
"All we are attempting to do there is  
to encourage men to do our dearest  
and capable of leading a useful life,"  
the speaker said.

The statement was loudly applauded.  
"Many prisoners come out of prison  
now as much of a menace, if not more,  
than when they went in," he declared.  
"You have a conventional picture of a  
so-called criminal, a man who is  
stupid, has a halting gait, and a  
furtive eye. That is the stamp of your  
present prisons, not of the man."  
Men in prisons are just as capable,  
Mr. Osborne said, of "fine, strong  
deeds," as are those outside.

"Many ridiculous statements are made  
in the efforts to fasten certain char-  
acteristics on prisoners," he said, "I  
read one recent book, that is widely  
known, where five pages are devoted to  
the theory that tattooing is a sign of  
criminal instincts. There are no tattoo-  
ed criminals, I see by another  
that prisoners are especially fond of  
tattoos and birds. It is not unlikely  
that these men, deprived of friends and  
relatives, should lavish affection on  
something. But, beware, all you with  
pet cats and dogs! You are headed for  
State's prison. Perhaps the climax was  
reached when one criminologist states:  
'Criminals are not altogether devoid of  
affection for their families.' Words fail  
me."

### Wary Judges: More Sentences.

Mr. Osborne said observation had  
proved that in New York courts, sen-  
tences increased during the day as  
judges became tired and worn. That  
was only natural, he said, and he  
added that the work of the courts was  
increasing, and that the judges were  
tired and worn.  
"It was shown," he said, "that the  
diamond was shown, the man had  
been indicted and held to answer to a  
charge preferred in Pennsylvania, today  
was discharged from custody by Justice  
Gould in Circuit Court No. 2, when it  
was shown that Daly was not liable for  
the alleged offense in Pennsylvania pro-  
ceedings and the court authorized his  
release from custody."

### W. W. Rutledge Sole Heir.

In the will of Thomas W. Rutledge,  
died for probate today in the office  
of the register of wills, his son, Wil-  
liam W. Rutledge, is made the sole  
heir. Raymond W. Smith is named as  
executor.

## SUFFERAGISTS OPERATIONAL CONVENTION OF FROM BALKANS

District Chairman Welcomes  
Delegates to First Session of  
Congressional Union.

### PRAISE MISS ALICE PAUL

Committee Selected to Frame  
Slate for First Officers of  
the National Body.

With a welcoming address by Mrs.  
Nina Allender, chairman of the District  
branch, the first national convention of  
the Congressional Union for Woman  
Suffrage began this morning at the  
"Little White House."  
From women in many Western States  
were heard reports which emphasized  
the work the Congressional Union is  
doing in the West to place the nation-  
al enfranchisement of women  
above party issues.

### Pointed Out the Way.

"You have had the greatest vision of  
any woman of your time," Mrs. Sara  
Bard Field, of Oregon, a delegate from  
the women voters of the West, told her,  
amid cheers of delegates.  
"You have pointed the way to a na-  
tional amendment for woman suffrage,  
and when we finish the work in this  
country, the Congressional Union will  
become the sponsor for the vote for  
women all over the world."

"The coming of the women of the  
West to aid us here in the East in our  
struggle for enfranchisement," said Mrs.  
Allender, in her welcoming address, "is  
one of the most inspiring things that  
has ever developed in suffrage work."  
It would have been a wonderful thing  
had all the women of the nation been  
enfranchised long ago, but if there is  
any compensation for our present  
struggle, it is this: that it has given  
women the opportunity to help other  
women.

### State Reports Made.

Instead of delaying the reports of  
State chairmen for this afternoon, they  
began this morning, when Mrs. Carolyn  
Spencer, of Colorado, emphasized the  
interest among politicians in her State.  
"At first it was hard to get the idea  
across that women intended to work for  
women, and not to vote for the best  
man among politicians before women  
got the vote," she said. "But respect now  
paid our efforts by politicians proves  
that this point has been made."  
A nominating committee, named this  
morning, was headed by Mrs. Allender,  
and on it were Mrs. Emmanuel Cin-  
tola, of New York; Mrs. Harriet Dal-  
litz, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Sara Bard  
Field, of Oregon; and Mrs. Alden Porter,  
of Minnesota.

### Organization Work.

Miss Paul described the organization  
of the State branches.  
"Last May," she said, "we began this  
work, and now there are branches in  
thirty States. In California there are  
2,000 members. Women there have done  
wonderful work. As an example there  
were the 50 women who raised \$500 in  
three minutes to start their work, and  
who waited upon Senator Phelan, just  
after his election, and made of him a  
convert to the national issue of woman  
suffrage."

### REICHSTAG TO HEAR OF BALKAN PLANS

Chancellor Discusses Speech  
With Kaiser—Keen Interest  
Is Aroused.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.—Chancellor  
von Bethmann-Hollweg, whose address  
in the Reichstag tomorrow is expected  
to touch peace discussions and Ger-  
many's intentions in the Balkans, con-  
ferred with the Kaiser today.

Berlin dispatches said every seat in  
the Reichstag gallery has been taken.  
It is generally believed that the chan-  
cellor's speech will bring to the fore-  
front an important made in the Reichstag  
since Germany entered the war.  
Von Bethmann-Hollweg took to the  
Kaiser's headquarters today the draft  
of his remarks for approval.

### Negro Gets Life Term For Killing His Wife

Imprisonment for life was the sen-  
tence given Joseph Hawkins, colored,  
for murder, by Chief Justice Covington  
in Criminal Court No. 1 today. Haw-  
kins was indicted for murder in the  
first degree, having been charged with  
mortally wounding his wife, Bertha  
Hawkins, with a razor at a place near  
where she was employed in Twen-  
thieth street on September 5 last.  
Hawkins changed his plea to guilty  
of murder in the second degree last  
week.

## ENGLAND FOR WITHDRAWAL OF EXPEDITION FROM BALKANS

Reported to Favor Abandonment  
of Campaign There Against  
Wishes of Her Allies—War  
Council Meets.

French Official Declares Other  
Allies Will Aid Serbs If Brit-  
ain Persists Alone in Favor-  
ing Saloniki.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—That Eng-  
land, against the wishes of her  
allies, favors the withdrawal of  
the expeditionary forces from the  
Balkans, is strongly hinted, fol-  
lowing today's session of the al-  
lies' war council.

A high French official made  
this statement: "If England per-  
sists alone in favoring Saloniki,  
then the remainder of the allies  
will continue to aid the Serbs."

Sir John French, British com-  
mander-in-chief, is understood to  
have brought the suggestion that  
the Balkan campaign be abandon-  
ed to the allied war council, which  
held its third meeting today. It  
is said to have met with opposi-  
tion not only from General  
Joffre, but from other allied rep-  
resentatives.

### ENGLAND DISSATISFIED.

It has been known in France for some  
time that England was far from sat-  
isfied with the Balkan campaign. Sev-  
eral speakers in the English parliament  
called the Saloniki expedition useless,  
holding that it arrived too late and the  
number of troops was too small to give  
any real aid to Serbia.

French officials have given out sev-  
eral interviews, proclaiming the im-  
portance of France to give strong sup-  
port to Serbia, though the newspapers  
recently have carried articles suggest-  
ing that the situation of the allied  
forces in Serbia may become perilous.

### TEACHERS VOTE ON ORGANIZATION FORM

Several hundred blanks filled  
Out and Deposited—Some  
Favor Labor Union Idea.

Several hundred blanks, filled out by  
Washington school teachers, indicating  
the sort of an organization for teach-  
ers of this city they prefer, today are  
in the hands of Miss Pauline Newton,  
a teacher at the Madison School, await-  
ing the return to Washington of the  
chairman of the committee that sent  
out the questionnaire, Miss Helen Gor-  
don, of the James Ormond Wilson Nor-  
mal School.

These papers were turned in at a  
meeting yesterday afternoon of about  
a score of teachers, representing every  
department of school life, who gathered  
the information respecting the wishes  
of the teachers. Miss Pauline Newton  
was chosen chairman.

Many replies have not yet been turned  
in, and a meeting will be held at the  
call of Miss Gordon to file the rest of  
the votes, and to consider further plans.  
The labor union angle of the organi-  
zation was touched upon in the dis-  
cussion yesterday, but the papers have  
not yet been examined, so there is no  
definite indication of how many teach-  
ers favor the labor union idea. Some  
members of the committee say the  
papers they turned in contained votes  
for a federated labor body. Miss New-  
ton today said she would not announce  
the results of the poll until Miss Gor-  
don returns to Washington, when she  
will turn all papers over to her.

### Meeting of Russian Duma Indefinitely Postponed

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The meeting of the  
Russian Duma, which was set for to-  
day, has been indefinitely postponed  
by the czar. Petrograd dispatches re-  
port.  
The Emperor alleged as his reason the  
failure of the budget committee to  
complete their work.

## TRAIL LEADS TO WOMAN IN PLOT INQUIRY

New York Society Figure Is  
Shielded by Federal Authori-  
ties Probing Von Rintelen.

### HAVE HER LETTERS TO HIM

Papers Taken From German  
Agent by British Presented  
to State Department.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A New York  
society woman whose identity was  
shielded by Federal authorities, was  
brought into the Government's investi-  
gation of the activities of Franz von  
Rintelen, German agent, today.  
Federal officers in charge of the  
grand jury said the State Department  
had received from the British govern-  
ment copies of the woman's letters to  
von Rintelen, denouncing this Govern-  
ment for its attitude in the German-  
American situation. The woman, it  
was said, is wealthy, owning a home  
in New York and another at Newport.

### British Seized Letters.

The British government, Federal au-  
thorities said, seized the letters from  
von Rintelen when he was arrested on  
the liner Nordam as a spy.  
The investigation of von Rintelen's  
activities widened today beyond the  
United States with Mexico. Infor-  
mation reached the Government that  
through his social connections he had  
been able to visit American war ves-  
sels at Newport and inspect sections  
of the ships ordinarily closed to aliens.  
It was not stated whether the Ameri-  
can woman might be named in con-  
spiracy charges as a result of the let-  
ters said to have been found on von  
Rintelen. The documents were not be-  
lieved to have been the grand jury.

### Probing Mexican Plot.

Matters now under direct investi-  
gation are believed to be von Rintelen's  
alleged disbursement of nearly \$500,000  
to start a revolution in Mexico and  
divert the attention of the United States  
from Europe, and the case of August  
Monte, Austrian, arrested in an alleged  
"bomb studio" here last Saturday.

### Germany Soon Will Withdraw Attaches.

### Officials Here Say

Strong indications exist today that  
Germany will recall Capt. von Papen  
and Roy-Ed, the military and naval  
attaches respectively of the German  
embassy, without pressing further its  
demand for a bill of particulars con-  
cerning the specific charges on which  
the request was made.

These indications revolve for the most  
part around a change of attitude no-  
ticeable in German quarters, where yes-  
terday it was stated almost flatly that  
without such a bill of particulars the  
request for the recall would not be  
granted. So marked was this change  
that there is strong reason to believe  
that the German ambassador, Count  
von Bernstorff, has advised his govern-  
ment to content itself with expressions  
contained in a personal communication  
received by the ambassador from Sec-  
retary Lansing.

### Complications Not Yet Averted.

While the crisis in the dispute with  
Germany was not considered past, and  
future complications from investiga-  
tions of pro-German activities not  
averted, there was a marked air of re-  
lief in official quarters. Word is ex-  
pected within forty-eight hours of the  
retirement of Roy-Ed and von Papen.

## DENIES GERMAN WAR PART BLOCKS PEACE

Progressive Populist Leader  
Tells Convention Enemies  
Must Realize Defeat.

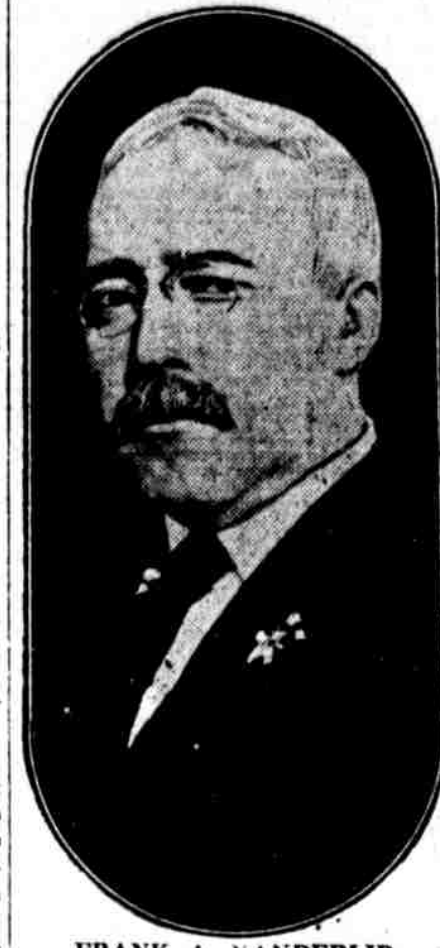
BERLIN (via Sayville), Dec. 8.—The  
world is mistaken if it believes that the  
German military or annexationist party  
is blocking the way to peace, merely  
for the sake of fighting. President von  
Payer told delegates to the Progressive  
Populist party convention today.

Von Payer discussed the peace rumors  
as some length in his opening address.  
He dwelt on the arguments of some  
reichstag members that Germany, be-  
ing strong and victorious, should not  
extend her hand for peace.  
"This," he said, "can only be done  
when our enemies realize they are de-  
feated. That time has not arrived."

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day, has been indefinitely postponed  
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failure of the budget committee to  
complete their work.

### Reported to Be Leading Figure in Steel Merger



FRANK A. VANDERLIP.

## VANDERLIP TO RULE CAMBRIA COMBINE

Stock Reported Vested in New  
York Financier as First  
Move in Merger.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—Frank A.  
Vanderlip, president of the National  
City Bank of New York, is reported  
here to be the person in whom con-  
trol of upward of 450,000 shares of  
Cambria Steel Company and 240,000  
shares of the Republic syndicate will  
be vested before the end of the week  
as the first move in the formation of  
a huge steel merger.  
The persistence of the rumors rela-  
tive to the new combine has given  
them weight in financial circles and  
brisk sales of Cambria Steel on the  
Philadelphia exchange for New York  
accounts has been reported.

## SINGLE TAXER TO HEAD SUBCOMMITTEE

Congressman Bailey of Penn-  
sylvania Will Be Chairman of  
Board on D. C. Taxation.

The subcommittee on taxation and as-  
sessment of the House District Comm-  
mittee will again be headed by a "single  
taxer" when Chairman Ben Johnson an-  
nounces the subcommittees of the Dis-  
trict board.

Congressman Warren Worth Bailey  
of Pennsylvania is slated to succeed  
former Congressman Henry George, Jr.,  
as chairman of the subcommittee. The  
selection will insure early considera-  
tion of Mr. Bailey's bill for the estab-  
lishment of a single tax system in the  
District, although the fate of such a  
measure in the full District Committee  
and in the House is problematical.

Mr. Bailey said today he would work  
for his bill independently of the half-  
and-half investigating committee's re-  
ports.

The provision in Mr. Bailey's single  
tax bill, which contemplates an entire  
change in assessment and taxation  
methods here, reads:

"That beginning with the year 1916  
an annual charge of five per centum for  
depreciation shall be made against all  
improvements in said District, this  
amount to be deducted from the as-  
sessed value of such property, provided  
further that in addition to the amount  
charged off for depreciation there shall  
annually be a further reduction of 10  
per centum of the assessed value of such  
property, so that at the end of that period  
improvements in no case shall be as-  
sessed at more than 50 per centum of  
their value, and provided further that  
hereinafter personal property including  
household goods, merchandise, money in  
banks, automobiles, books, machinery,  
implements, tools, office fixtures and  
furniture, boats, tugs and other vessels,  
motorcycles, cars, wagons, cars, drays  
and like vehicles shall be wholly exempt  
from taxation."

### MONTENEGRO SEEKS PEACE, BERLIN SAYS

King Nicholas Said to Have Sug-  
gested Yielding, Report to  
Frankfurter Zeitung.

BERLIN (via Sayville), Dec. 8.—King  
Nicholas of Montenegro has suggested to  
the entente ambassadors that Montenegro be al-  
lowed to conclude a separate peace be-  
cause she is exhausted, according to reports  
published in the Frankfurter Zeitung  
today.  
The ambassadors have replied that if  
Montenegro moves for a separate peace,  
they will break off diplomatic relations  
and withdraw all assistance hitherto  
given Montenegro, the newspaper as-  
serted.

## U. S. VESSEL IS SUBMARINED, REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR

Press Dispatches From London  
and Rome Indicate Oil  
Steamer Communipaw Was  
Victim of Submarine.

Alexandria, Egypt, Agent Re-  
ports Vessel's Safe Arrival.  
State Department Awaits  
Further Advices.

Ambassador Page at Rome to-  
day cabled the State Department  
that a vessel, believed to be the  
American steamer Communipaw,  
had been torpedoed and sunk.

No explanations concerning the  
attack, the position of the vessel  
or the submarine which made the  
attack were given.

Press dispatches from London  
and Rome give further details of  
the sinking of the Standard Oil  
steamer which is reported to have  
been flying the American flag, and  
all agree that the crew of thirty-  
nine and six officers perished.

On the other hand the New  
York offices of the Standard Oil  
Company shortly before noon an-  
nounced the receipt of a cable  
from their agent at Alexandria,  
Egypt, announcing the safe ar-  
rival there on Sunday of the Com-  
munipaw. It gave no intimation  
that the vessel had been attacked  
by a submarine.

### TWO EXPLANATIONS GIVEN.

Two explanations of the conflicting  
reports are being given consideration by  
officials. One is that the vessel cleared  
from Alexandria immediately after her  
arrival, and was attacked later. The  
other, considered more probable, is that  
she was chased by a submarine, but  
escaped, and that another vessel, the  
identity of which has not been dis-  
covered, was the U-boat's victim.

Further advices are awaited at the  
State Department before any action is  
taken. It is understood, in view of the  
admittedly serious situation, would  
be brought about if the early reports  
were true, that no conclusions will be  
reached until it is definitely established  
that an attack was made on a ship fly-  
ing the American flag.

### Communipaw Is Sunk By Submarine; Many Americans Victims

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A Rome dispatch  
today said that the American steam-  
er Communipaw was submarine  
"with all hands," off Tabruk. This  
message was interpreted to mean  
that the crew of the steamer was  
lost.

ROME, Dec. 8.—The crew of the  
American steamer Communipaw, re-  
ported sunk by a submarine near Ta-  
bruk, Tripoli, is believed to have been  
lost. Greek and Italian steamers  
which answered the tanker's distress  
signals today report that they found  
no survivors, though they made a care-  
ful search.

Dispatches from Genoa said a crew  
of thirty-nine men and five American  
officers, commanded by Capt. George  
Nordstrom, was carried by the Com-  
munipaw. She was bound for Alex-  
andria.

The nationality of the attacking  
submarine is unknown. No further  
details have been received.

### Agent Reports Safe Arrival of Steamer With Cargo on Sunday

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Standard  
Oil steamer Communipaw, reported in  
Rome dispatches to have been sunk  
by a submarine, arrived at Alexandria  
on Sunday, according to a cablegram  
received by the New York office to-  
day.  
The cable was signed by the Stan-  
dard Oil agent at Alexandria. It  
stated merely that the steamer had  
arrived, it was said, at the local offi-  
ce, and gave no intimation that she  
had been attacked by a submarine.  
Officials of the Standard Oil Com-